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Crop Production

Iowa: Farmers seeded 200,000 acres of oats in 2006, down 10,000 acres from 2005. Acres expected to be harvested for grain, at 130,000, is up 5,000 acres from 2005. The forecasted yield, at 74 bushels per harvested acre, is down 5 bushels per acre from last year. Production is forecast at 9.62 million bushels, down from last year's production of 9.88 bushels.

United States: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.28 billion bushels. This is up 1 percent from last month but 15 percent below 2005. The U.S. yield is forecast at 41.1 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushel from last month but down 3.3 bushels from last year. Area harvested for grain totals 31.1 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2006, but down 8 percent from last year.

Hard Red Winter, at 660 million bushels, is up less than 1 percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 375 million bushels, is up 5 percent from the last forecast. White Winter is down 1 percent from last month and now totals 245 million bushels. Of this total, 19.9 million bushels are Hard White and 225 million bushels are Soft White.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 60.4 million bushels, down 40 percent from 2005. Area harvested for grain totals 1.82 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released

on June 30, 2006 but down 33 percent from last year. The U.S. yield is forecast at 33.1 bushels per acre, 4.1 bushels less than last year. If realized this will be the lowest harvested area since 1961 and the lowest production since 1988.

Other Spring wheat production is forecast at 465 million bushels, down 8 percent from 2005. Area harvested for grain totals 14.2 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2006. The U.S. yield is forecast at 32.9 bushels per acre, 4.2 bushels less than last year. Of the total production, 425 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, down 9 percent from last season.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 57.9 million acres, up 1 percent from 2005. The 2006 winter wheat planted area, at 41.4 million acres, is 2 percent above last year but virtually unchanged from the previous estimates. Of this total, about 29.7 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.45 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 4.21 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2006 is estimated at 14.6 million acres, up 4 percent from 2005. Of this total, about 13.9 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. The Durum planted area for 2006 is estimated at 1.89 million acres, down 32 percent from the previous year. This is the lowest Durum wheat acreage since 1961.

July 2006 Production Summary - Iowa and United States

Crop	For Harvest		Yield per acre		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
IOWA						
Oats for Grain	125	130	79.0	74.0	9,875	9,620
Winter Wheat	15	20	50.0	¹	750	¹
Corn for Grain	12,500	12,400	173.0	²	2,162,500	²
Soybeans	10,050	10,050	53.00	²	532,650	²
UNITED STATES						
Oats for Grain	1,823	1,907	63.0	57.9	114,878	110,322
Wheat, All	50,119	47,084	42.0	²	2,104,690	1,805,636
Winter	33,794	31,108	44.4	41.1	1,499,129	1,280,005
Durum	2,716	1,822	37.2	33.1	101,105	60,370
Other Spring	13,609	14,154	37.1	32.9	504,456	465,261
Summer Potatoes ³	51.4	56.8	342	330	17,567	18,731
Corn for Grain	75,107	72,091	147.9	²	11,112,072	²
Soybeans	71,361	73,935	43.30	²	3,086,432	²

¹Iowa's individual yield and production will be published in the "Small Grains 2006 Summary" released in September 2006. ² Estimate not yet available. ³ Yield in cwt and production in 1,000 cwt.

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